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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 30th/July, through Sunday, 6th/August there were 194 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5R, 5T, 5W, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 9A, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, DL, DU, E5/s, E6, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EP, ER, ES, EU, EX, EY, F, FG, FK, FM, FO, FR, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J6, J8, JA, JD/o, JT, K, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PY, PZ, S0, S5, S7, S9, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TL, TR, TT, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9X, VP2E, VP2M, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VR, VU, XE, YA, YB, YI, YJ, YL, YN, YO, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, Z8, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS, ZS8

*** PLEASE NOTE:** The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

3B8, MAURITIUS. Hans, PA3HGT, will be active as 3B8/PA3HGT from Mauritius (AF-049) between September 5-22nd. Activity will be holiday style on 40/20/10 meters using mainly SSB and sometimes the Digital modes. Equipment he will use is an Icom IC-7100 transceiver into an End-Fed antenna. QSL via his home callsign, by the Bureau, direct or LoTW.

3XY, GUINEA (IOTA Op). Operators Alain/F5OZC and Sebastien/F8DQZ will once again be active as 3XY3D from Kassa Island (AF-051), Los Islands (Iles de Los), between November 1-30th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using mainly CW. QSL via F5OZC, by the REF Bureau or direct (no eQSL, no LoTW).

3Y0Z BOUVET PRESS RELEASE (dated July 30th). Ralph, K0IR, sent out the following, stating "This is a great example of how the ham radio community

can cooperate and work together for the common good of all." : As in any group, the moral compass, accountability, and integrity of amateur radio operators covers a wide spectrum. The best of these character qualities in the ham radio community came to light last week.

FlexRadio Systems and Ranko Boka, 4O3A, of SKY SAT wanted to be absolutely positive that they would in no way compromise the success of the Bouvet Island DXpedition. They looked at this DXpedition as a once in a lifetime experience for many DX'ers and put the success of 3Y0Z above personal gain, competition, and acclaim.

FlexRadio Systems and SKY SAT were concerned that: a.) Parts availability for production of the FlexRadio amplifiers may be a problem. b.) Sending a total of 14 amplifiers to Bouvet would cut into inventory they had promised to their customers. c.) Meeting our shipping date might compromise their testing and quality control.

We will take several new FlexRadio Power Genius XL amplifiers to Bouvet. However, FlexRadio and Ranko reached out personally to ACOM to assist in supporting 3Y0Z. On short notice, and within 24 hours, ACOM agreed to help make the Bouvet DXpedition the best that it can be and agreed to provide 12 ACOM 1500 amplifiers.

ACOM, FlexRadio Systems, and SKY SAT/4O3A put aside personal gain and competition and worked together to help the Bouvet Island DXpedition be a better experience for you the DX'ers. These are truly quality people.

Ralph Fedor K0IR
Bouvet Island DXpedition Co-Leader

LINK TO ASSOCIATED WEB PAGE: http://www.bouvetdx.org/acom-flex-doc

3Y0Z BOUVET PRESS RELEASE (dated August 5th). The Northern California DX Foundation is pleased to announce a contribution of $100,000 to the 3Y0Z Bouvet Island DXpedition planned for January 2018. Bouvet is #2 on the ClubLog Most Wanted List. This is the largest contribution in the history of NCDXF.

In 2016, NCDXF-sponsored DXpeditions activated five of the ten most-needed entities. These DXpeditions put 457,000 QSOs into DXers' logs. That year we spent $156,000 to fund these and other DXpeditions. The 3Y0Z DXpedition to Bouvet Island early next year is likely to be one of the most expensive DXpeditions ever attempted estimated at over $740,000. The 20 team members have already contributed just over half of this amount. has details of the 3Y0Z Bouvet DXpedition.

DXpeditions to rare entities like Bouvet and others in the Southern Ocean are becoming more expensive, a trend that we believe will continue.

NCDXF’s primary purpose is to help fund well-organized DXpeditions to rare, difficult and expensive entities, like Bouvet. During the last 45 years, NCDXF has granted over $1 million to hundreds of DXpeditions helping to put an “all-time-new-one” (ATNO) in the log and make DX happen for thousands of DXers worldwide. The credit for these large grants goes to the NCDXF contributors, individuals and clubs who support the DX community. Without those contributions, DXpeditions to entities like Bouvet or other rare locations would not be possible.

If you agree with the importance of NCDXF's work, and if you are not a current contributor, we hope you will become one today by clicking here . Your contribution will continue to help make DX happen. You can also support future DXpeditions by including the NCDXF Cycle 25 Fund in your estate plan .

We wish the 3Y0Z team a safe and very successful trip to Bouvet Island next year.

73 ... Glenn Johnson, W0GJ

NCDXF Vice President
http://www.ncdxf.org

5H, TANZANIA. Chas, NK8O/VE3ISD, will once again be active as 5H3DX from Zinga, Tanzania, between November 7th and December 4th. Activity will be from the pediatric hospital at Zinga. Usual operations will be holiday style. Power output will be the legal limit for Tanzania at 100w and the primary antenna should be a Hexbeam configured for 40-6 meters, including the WARC bands. Operations will be primarily CW. He states that he will use a simple wire antenna and his KX3 with a KXPA100 amp. See QSL info on QRZ.com. Also, QSL via LoTW and eQSL. NO Bureau.

8P, BARBADOS. Mac, WT4BT, will be active as 8P9MT from "New Moon Villa" in "Upper Carlton" area near Gibbes Beach on Barbados Island (NA-021) between November 4-10th. Activity will be on various HF bands. QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau or LoTW.

9X, RWANDA. Alan, KE4TA, will be active as 9X0TA from Kigali for a 3 year period sometime early August. This will be his first 'DXpedition'. Activity will be primarily on 20/17 meters using 600W/100W of power. He does have antennas or antenna+tuner combinations for 80-10 meters and 6m. Modes will be SSB, the Digital modes and some CW. Power may be restricted by the Rwandan authorities in accordance with their laws. Radio is a Yaesu FT-991, and antenna will be a Hexbeam on a push up tower. Alan, states, "Noise levels here are extremely high. Please don't be offended if I'm not answering your call, I likely can't hear you." QSL via DIRECT to N4GNR. He will also use LoTW. For more details, pictures and updates (maybe even an operating schedule), visit his Web page at:
http://www.rwandadx.com

CQ MAGAZINE NEWS (Press Release - 2017 Young Ham of the Year). It was announced on August 1st [edited]: Marty Sullaway, KC1CWF, of Newton, MA, has been selected as the 2017 Bill Pasternak WA6ITF Memorial Amateur Radio Newsline Young Ham of the Year. Marty, 15, is the son of Robert David Sullaway and Gail Cheryl Schulman.

Marty was first licensed as a Technician in November 2014. He quickly worked his way to General earning his ticket in February 2015. He became an Extra Class operator this past February.

Marty is co-founder of the Eastern Massachusetts Contesting Club and trustee of its call sign KR1DX. Marty created the club to get more young people involved in amateur radio in the suburban Boston area. He has helped teach and mentor many young people, sparking interest in HF contesting. Marty is a member of the Yankee Clipper Contest Club and very active in the contest community. He currently serves on the American Radio Relay League Contest Advisory Committee.

KC1CWF's efforts in contesting have netted many accolades including the 2015 CQWW SSB USA "Rookie" plaque. His score of 1,312,305 operating from K1VR still stands as the CQWW rookie record.

Marty also is QSL manager for VY1AAA, XO1X, and CI1AAA operated by the Yukon Canam Contest Club. Marty is also board member of the Clay Center Amateur Radio Club which promotes amateur radio at the Dexter/Southfield School in Brookline, MA. He has been involved in the club's Field Day planning and has assisted with antenna and HF station design, as well as repeater operations.

He started a podcast called "The Phasing Line" and, along with Sterling

Coffey, N0SSC, discusses topics such as home-brew antennas, contesting, and activities of youth in amateur radio.

Marty appeared at the 2016 Dayton Hamvention Youth Forum where gave a presentation: "Homebrewing Fun: Making Your Own Gear for Contest Stations." He appears on the W5KUB "Amateur Radio Roundtable" webcast and even serves as a back-up studio when technical issues arise.

Marty enjoys the technical aspects of the hobby, designing and building systems for remote amateur station operation and enjoys computer programming. Marty also is involved in amateur radio public service activities, including serving as a net control operator for the Boston Marathon.

He is also the owner of his own consulting company "Newtown Mass Tech," where he handles such tasks as home computer installation to VOIP connections for clients throughout the Boston area.

Marty is entering his sophomore year at Meridian Academy in Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts this fall where he has been active in the Model United Nations program for four years and has earned multiple awards, including best delegate. Marty is currently vice president of his United Synagogue Youth chapter and is involved in an Israeli folk dance group.

His nominator, Joe Eisenberg, K0NEB, described Marty as an "extraordinary young man." "Marty has accomplished things at age 15 that many hams take years to do. And, he is only beginning."

Marty will be recognized during the Huntsville Hamfest on Aug. 19th in the Von Braun Center, Huntsville Alabama.

The Young Ham of the Year Award was inaugurated by William Pasternak, WA6ITF, in 1986. Upon his passing in 2015, Bill's name was added to the award as a memorial to his commitment to recognizing the accomplishments of young people to the amateur radio service.

In addition the Amateur Radio Newsline, CQ magazine and Yaesu USA are primary sponsors, along with Heil Sound Ltd. and Radiowavz Antenna Company.

DXCC'S MOST WANTED (ClubLog). The "DXCC Most Wanted" entities list has been updated on ClubLog as of July 31st. The top 10 entities are:

1. P5	DPRK (North Korea)	6. CE0X	San Felix Islands
2. 3Y/B	Bouvet Island	7. BV9P	Pratas Island
3. FT5/W	Crozet Island	8. KH3	Johnston Island
4. KH1	Baker Howland Islands	9. VK0M	Macquarie Island
5. BS7H	Scarborough Reef	10. KH7K	Kure Island

The complete "DXCC Most Wanted" entities list is available at:

https://secure.clublog.org/mostwanted.php

E5, SOUTH COOK ISLANDS (Reminder). Alex, F4GHS, will be active as E51GHS from two of the South Cook Islands during August. His schedule is as follows:

August 7-16th -- from Aitutaki Island (OC-083)
August 16-25th -- from Rarotonga Island (OC-013)

Activity will be holiday style on various HF bands using a K3 into a home-made vertical (20m). QSL via his home callsign.

GREEN PARTY AND WWFF ACTIVITIES.....

KFF-0671 -- By KC3HRB; August 8-9th; at the Assateague Island National Seashore Oceanside Campground for the week; doing several activations while there; will be operating QRP

VKFF-1397 -- By VK2JNG/P; August 9-10th; Wondoba Coordinated Conservation Area; 7144 kHz SSB; around 11:00am; weather permitting (2 hours max)

9AFF-0029 -- By 9A4CD/p & 9A4MF/p; between now and August 14th; Igor

& Miro will be active holiday style

Z3FF-0011 -- By Z31NA/P; between now August 10th; Simeon, Z31NA, will be active holiday style from Ohrid Lake; activity will be on 40-10m (depending on conditions and propagation)

PAFF-0037 -- By PA/ON8WR; between now and August 8th; camp site is located in PAFF-0037

VKFF-0961 -- By VK3PAT/P; August 7th; between 0300-0700z; Cobram Regional Park; on 7144 kHz SSB; weather permitting

ONFF-0001 -- By ON5SWA/P; August 7th; between 0530- 1030z; also ON/ON-001 SOTA

VKFF-0605 -- By VK2JNG/P; between August 7-8th; Scone Mountain National Park; 7144 kHz SSB; starting around 11:00am

ONFF-0491 -- By ON5SWA/P; August 10th; between 0530-1030z; Zwaenepoel

VKFF-1397 -- By VK2JNG/P; August 11th; between 0300-0700z; Wondoba Coordinated Conservation Area; 7144 kHz SSB; Car service first, then this park, hoping for 1:30pm

KFF-2667 -- By KE6MT; August 11th; between 1300-1500z; Mount Washington; combined SOTA and WWFF; if conditions permit; times are *very* approximate; will operate QRP 40/20m SSB; *might* try a little CW (QRS); will also have HT on 146.52 FM.

4XFF-0005 -- By 4X0B; August 11-12th; four operators will be active for 24 hours from Mount Shifra / Baram Forest; this will also be part of HOCOTA program (By IARC); more info will be published at: https://www.qrz.com/lookup/4x0b

VKFF-0518 -- By VK2JNG/P; August 11-12th; Warrabah National Park; 7144 kHz SSB; around 11:00 am

YOFF-0423 -- By YR6WFF; August 12-13th

VKFF-0607 -- By VK2JNG/P; August 12th; 0300-0700z; Somerton Coordinated Conservation Area; 7144 kHz SSB; starting noon or a bit earlier; weather permitting

KFF-2895 -- By N4EE; August 12th; 1200-2000z; GIVANS FERRY STATE PARK; MULTI-OPS; PSK/CW/SSB/FM

VKFF-1390 -- By VK2JNG/P; August 12-13th; Watsons Creek State Conservation Area; 7144 kHz SSB; around 10:30

VKFF-0585 -- By VK2JNG/P; August 8-9th; Dowe Coordinated Conservation Area; 7144 kHz SSB; around 12:00pm or later

VKFF-1185 -- By VK2JNG/P; August 13th; between 0300-0700z; Watsons Creek Nature Reserve; 7144 SSB; this is a N/P; around 1:30

ON4PRA -- Greenfest 2017; August 13th; betwee 0630-1400z; annual event; some radio amateurs from the PRA radio club activate different Belgian Flora Fauna locations near Mechelen, and there will also be a station operating from 9AFF. An award is available

IFF-XXXX -- By IQ5QO/P; Augsut 13-25th; Operator Steve will be active from variuos IFF new references according to his plan from August 13th to August 17th (IFF1144, IFF1143, IFF1146, IFF1147, IFF1145, IFF0710, IFF0707, DCI-VC068 VC070 +)

VKFF-1397 -- By VK2JNG/P; August 14th; between 0300-0700z; Wondoba Coordinated Conservation Area; 7144 kHz SSB; Noon or earlier; weather permitting

VKFF-1171 -- By VK2JNG/P; August 15th; between 0300-0700z; Hobden Hill National Park; 7144 kHz SSB; around 12:00 or a bit later

ONFF-0251 -- By ON5SWA/P; August 15th; between 0530-1030z; Vallei van de Zeverenbeek

KFF-3320 -- By ND8MS; August 15-16th; check for the WWFF CW calling frequencies; slower CW please, about 12 wpm

GIFF-0024 -- By MI1AIB; August 18-20th; Bushvalley ARC, Rathlin Island activation

GFF-0331 -- August 19-20th; Special event station GB1PBL (Portland Bill

Lighthouse); operating during International Lighthouse & Lightship Weekend (ILLW); QSL direct only

OZFF-0030 -- By OZ4HAM; August 19-20th; ILLW; EDR Bornholm Club; 2 stations on the air; on 80/40/20m using SSB and PSK63; also ARLHS DEN-012 and IOTA EU-030

KFF-1494 -- By W8MSC; August 20-21st; Craig Lake State Park, MI; is the most remote state park in Michigan; primarily SSB on 40/20m, higher bands if open; maybe PSK and/or JTx.

For more information about WWFF upcoming operations, see:
http://wwff.co/agenda
Also suggest URLs:
World-Wide -- https://www.facebook.com/groups/WWFF44
USA -- https://www.facebook.com/groups/parksontheair
A special DXCluster for WWFF is available at: http://wwff.co/dx-cluster

HD8, GALAPAGOS ISLANDS (Postponed). Geoff, G8OFQ, announced, "Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond my control, the DXpedition to HC8 has been postponed". He was expected to be active from Isabela Island (SA-004) between August 1st and October 31st, as HC8/G8OFQ.

INDEXA NEWS. John Scott, K8YC, INDEXA VP and Editor, announces the 2017 Summer Issue of INDEXA Newsletter is now available online at: http://indexa.org/documents/newsletters/Newsletter-Issue-118-Summer2017.pdf In this newsletter, Stanislav "Stan" Vatev, LZ1GC, will give you the inside story of running a two man DXpedition in the South Pacific to the Solomon Islands and Temotu Province as H44GC and H40GC, respectively. INDEXA has supported Stan's activities in the past. In the earlier effort and in this effort, we learn that sleeplessness is the norm if the needs of the pileup are to be met. After reading his story, I think you'll agree that Stan was conscientious in his commitment to those who wished to find their callsign in his log.

IOTA NEWS.....

AS-074. Operators Ahmad/9M2AGC, Mohd/9M2AIS, Hasya/9M2EME, Fazli/9M2FDO, Fazzuan/9M2FZK, Jefri/9M2JEP, Mad/9M2ODX, Kayrol/9M2OOO, Amirol/9M2ROL, Azrishah/9M2UDE, Ahmad/9M2VDX, Muhammad/9M2ZDX, Muhamad/9W2BFZ, Mohd/9W2FOR, Hizami/9W2RGZ and Mohd/9W2ZIT will be active as 9M4IOTA from Indah Island between September 16-18th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via direct to address on QRZ.com.

AS-096. Operators Rama/VU2DEV, Gaurav/VU2GTI, Koodur/VU2RCT, Devan/VU3DEW, Pradeep/VU3EDG, Vinod/VU3ESV, Girish/VU3GDS, Madhu/VU3NPI, YL Shyla/VU3SXH, Poojith/VU3YPP, Likith/VU3ZLS and Nyjil/VU3ZNG will be active as VU3NPI from St. Mary's Islands between September 30th and October 1st. St. Mary's Island is also known as Coconut Island, and is a small island in the Arabian Sea off the coast of Malpe in Udupi, Karnataka, India. It is less than a kilometer square. The isles are known for their distinctive geological formation of columnar basaltic lava. Activity will be on various HF bands and modes. The team will be operating on battery power with an array of antennas from verticals to yagis to phase shift vertical

antennas with a host of rigs. QSL via VU3NPI. Visit their Web page at: http://www.vu2.in

OC-175. Operators Yan/RZ3FW and Sergey/R4WAA will be active from Sarangani Island as DU9/RZ3FW and DU9/R4WAA between November 21-29th. Activity will be on various HF bands and include the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-26th). QSL DU9/RZ3FW via RZ3FW or ClubLog's OQRS. QSL DU9/R4WAA via R4WAA.

OC-216. Operators Mike/AB5EB, Mike/AD5A and Craig/VK5CE will be active as VK9AR from Ashmore Reef between November 7-10th. Activity will be on 40-15 meters with three stations on the air at the same time; two with amps. QSL via VK5CW, direct or by the Bureau or ClubLog's OQRS. For more details and updates, see: https://ashmorereef.wordpress.com

J5, GUINEA BISSAU (Update). The Italian DXpedition Team will be active as J5T from Bubaque Island (AF-020) between November 13-25th. Operators mentioned are Alfeo/I1HJT, Silvano/I2YSB, Vinicio/IK2CIO, Angelo/IK2CKR, Marcello/IK2DIA, Stefano/IK2HKT, Angelo/IK2RZP and Mac/JA3USA. They expect to have 4 stations on all HF bands (no 50 MHz), using CW and SSB, and RTTY one band only, to be chosen. You can participate in the J5T survey on their official Web site at: http://www.i2ysb.com/idt
Subject to the availability of internet connection, the REAL TIME Log will be available at: http://win.i2ysb.com/logonline
Official forum at: http://www.hamradioweb.net
QSL via I2YSB direct, OQRS or LoTW.

KH2, GUAM. Miki, JJ2CJB, will once again be active as AC2AI/KH2 from Guam (OC-026) between October 27-30th. Activity will include the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 28-29th). QSL via JJ2CJB, by the JA Bureau. Log will be uploaded to LoTW and eQSL.

LU, ARGENTINA (Special Event). Special event station, LU4AAO/A, was expected to be active this past weekend (on August 5th, 1300-2300 UTC, and August 6th, 1300-1900 UTC). Activity was to celebrate Tiro Federal anniversary. Operations were to be on 80/40 meters SSB; even UTC hours on 20m JT65/FT8; odd UTC hours on 20m CW. QSL via LU4AAO, direct, by the Bureau or eQSL. For more details, see:
http://lu4aao.org/Activacion_Tiro_Federal.htm

NP2, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS. Operators Fred/K9VV, Ralph/K9ZO, Ron/KK9K and Scott/NE9U will be active as NP2X from the "Caribbean Friends United By Amateur Radio" Gallows Bay Club Station on St. Croix (NA-106), during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-26th) as a Multi-? entry. QSL via K5WW or LoTW. Look for Fred to be active outside of the contest probably as K9VV/KP2. QSL K9VV/KP2 only direct to K9VV.

PJ4, BONAIRE. Operators Scott/W4PA, Steve/PJ4DX, Peter/PJ4NX, Bert/PJ4KY and Don/G3XTT will be active as PJ4Q from Bonaire during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 28-29th) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via W4PA. Operators will be active outside of the contest between October 23rd and November

1st. Their activity will be focused on CW and the 30/17/12m bands.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (August 7-13th).....

Aug/07th	AN	Aug/10th	AN	Aug/12th	DIS
Aug/08th	AN	Aug/11th	AN	Aug/13th	LN
Aug/09th	AN				

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

NORMALITY	GEOMAG	K Values	Alpha
AN - Above Normal	Quiet	K=0-1	0-7
HN - High Normal	Unsettled	K=2	8-15
LN - Low Normal	Active	K=3	16-29
BN - Below Normal	Minor Storm	K=4	30-49
DIS - Disturbed	Major Storm	K=5	50-99
VRY DIS - Very Disturbed	Severe Storm	K=6-9	100-400

REALTIME BAND CONDITIONS WEB SITE :
The purpose of this experimental Web site is to provide 24-7-365 actual (REALTIME) band condition information to CW QRPp, QRPe and CW/SSB for Contesters interested in increasing their scores. It can also be of benefit to other Radio Amateurs to determine band conditions for Nets and casual QSO's. This information is NOT based on any software predictions or any kind of satellite based readings. It is based on a new Ionospheric sounding method called "HF Ionospheric Interferometry" which operates very similarly to the PolSAR system used by NASA.

Also, check out the VOACAP predication Web page at:
http://www.voacap.com/prediction.html
A daily HF radio wave propagation forecast can be found at:
https://www.facebook.com/thomasfranklingiellaw4hm
Also on Twitter: https://twitter.com/@GiellaW4hm

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....
QSL-INFO from DB0SDX by Lothar, DL1SBF...

3Z2017TSR via SP1PBW	GM2T via GM4UYZ	PD17YLEC via PD3GVQ
4L0GF via UR5EAW	GM7V via N3SL	PG64HOOP via PA9F
4O7GD via IK5WWA	H2X via IZ4AMS (d/O)	PT8CW via PY4KL
5E4AM via EA7FTR (d)	HF23BSC via SQ6DGB	PW7I via PY7RP (d/O)
5E4E via EA7FTR (d)	HF73AK via SP8MMW	PX8I via PY8WW (d/L)
5E4SG via EA7FTR (d)	HG17HD via (HA-B)	RQ17CW via RQ17CW (L/e)
5P5CW via DL5SE	HH2AA via NR6M & (L)	SC9W via SM5DJZ
5P7LSO via DJ6GI **	IA5/OM5AW via OM2FY	SD1A via SM1TDE
5R8UI via IZ8CCW	II3WW via IQ3BM	SN100F via SP5CGN
9A/OM8AA via OM8AA	IM0/I0PNM via I0PNM (d)	SN2B via SP3CGK
AM325CEC via EA3CEC	J49A via SV9GPV & (L)	SN60CIS via SP9PNB
AM325PP via EA3PP	KH6/KM4DAY via KM4DAY	SN8NCJ via SP3RNZ
C4I via G3XSV (d)**	LA/DG1RUG via DG1RUG	SP2017TSR via SP1PMY
CR3G via G3TXF	LA/MM5PSL via MM5PSL (d)	SV2/YU1CA/P via YU1CA
CR5CW via CT7ACG (d/L)	LA/OL7X via OL7X	SV8/SV1PMQ via SV1PMQ
CT8/DL8MLD/P via DL8MLD	LA/SQ1GU via SQ1GU	T77C via T77C (O/d/L)

DL0RMC via DL4RBV
DL60TELF via DJ0AH (B/L)
EA5/DK5IM via DK5IM
EA5/DL5EO via DL5EO
EA6/DK5ON via DK5ON
EA8/YL3AKQ via YL3AKQ
ED1K via EA1NK
EI7M via EI6HB (d/L)
EN5RFF via UT1RT
EV750M via EW7W
GB17YOTA via GB17YOTA (O)
GB5RC via GB5RC(B); G6NHU(d)
GB9IOW via ON3UN
GI5I via GI4DOH
GJ2A via K2WR ***
LY/ES5ZF via ES5ZF
OE17BEACH via OE3KLU
OG5A via OH5AD
OH0/DL1FMK/P via DL1FMK
OH0/OF5C via OH5C
OH0/W3DMR via OH2TA
OH1UU via R1CC
OP0PPY via ON7LX
OP17L via ON6P & (L)
OY/LA9DL via LA9DL
OZ/DB5ZP via DB5ZP (d)
OZ/DF2SD via DF2SD
OZ/DL2JRM via DL2JRM
OZ30EU via OZ8IE
PA38EU via PH9GFB & (L)
TC4A via TA4CS (e)
TI5/KD8YVJ via KD8YVJ
TI5/N3KS via W4FS (d)
TI5/N5BEK via N5BEK (d)
TK/F1MZQ via F1MZQ
TM12FAJ via F8BMG
TM17CIEL via F6BCC
TM50KOK via F4HIK
TX5EG via F6BCW & (L)
UE74KUD via R2EA (O)
UR5R via UT0RM
XF2L via XE1SOV
YL5X via YL2TB
YO1000LEANY via YO6KNE
YP7P via YO7LFV & (L)

(e) eQSL only (d) direct only (B) Bureau only (*-B) DX's- Bureau
(O) OQRS only (C) ClubLog only (L) LoTW only ** IOTA 2017 only
*** USA only; Rest of the World (d/L)

SZ8LES: Radio Amateur Society Island Lesvos, Vournazon 2, Mitilini, Lesvos, 81100, Greece

7Q7BP VIA G3SWH. Phil, G3SWH, who advises that Joe became a SK at the beginning of May 2017. He has obtained copies of his logs and is able to confirm any outstanding QSOs. All logs have been previously uploaded to LoTW. There is a log search available and OQRS facility at:
http://www.g3swh.org.uk/7q7.html

*** WOW... Slow week again for QSL info!!!!

QSLS RECEIVED VIA LoTW: AN400V, CN8SG, G1A, G3MRC/C9 (SK), HB9OAB, HD2RRC/4 (SA-033), HS0ZEE, JA7MOL, LA4C, LA7GIA, OH0X, S51MA, SX5R, T32WW, TI2CC, VP8NO, VU2CPL, VU2LX, ZP4KFX and ZP9MCE

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 3W9FU/P (AS-157), 7Q7BP, A92GE, EX7MK, J28PJ, JR1LZK/6, SV8DTD, YN2WL and Z81D

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: NONE REPORTED THIS WEEK!!!

T45, CUBA (Reminder). Operators Moses/CM2YV, Bob/CO2KL, Amed/CO2AME and possibly others will be active as T45FM from the Faro Puta Maya Lighthouse (ILLW CU-005) during the International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend (ILLW) between August 19-20th. They plan to have 6 stations active on all the bands using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL Manager is RW6HS direct only.

V4, ST. KITTS. John, W5JON/V47JA, informs OPDX that he will once again be active as V47JA from his vacation home in Calypso Bay, St. Kitts (NA-104, WW Loc. FK87SG), located 200 feet from the Caribbean Sea, between October 15th and November 7th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters (incl. 60m) using SSB. His operation will also include the CQWW DX SSB Contest

(October 28-29th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. Equipment is a Kenwood TS-590S and Elecraft KPA500 Amplifier. Antennas include: 31', 10-40m Vertical, and 35', 40/80m Top Loaded Vertical; and newly added, shortened 160m dipole and 3 element Yagi for 6m. Also, XYL Cathy, W5HAM, will occasionally operate as V47HAM. ALL QSLs go to W5JON direct or via LoTW. NO Bureau QSLs.

V6, MICRONESIA. Operators Sho, JA7HMZ, will once again be active as V63DX from Pohnpei Island (OC-010) between November 24th and December 1st. Activity will be on 160-6 meters, all modes and including the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-26th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry signing V6A. He will be looking for European stations on 160m before and after the contest. QSL via his home callsign. No Bureau QSLs.

VIDEOS ON THE WEB.....

* There is an interesting video on the Web taken by Greg, W8WWV, during the North Coast Contesters (NCC) 30th anniversary of party at K3LR's contest station: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C9iaueQiD_E

* Antarctic/DXpedition videos:
  3Y0PI - Cape Eva Camp - Peter 1 Island -- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CYRy94cFK4M
  FB8AX - Port Martin - Antarctica -- (From 3 minutes 50 seconds to 26mn 50s in french language) -- http://www.canalu.mobi/video/cerimes/antarctique.9055
  FT5XO - Port Jeanne d'Arc - Big Island of Kerguelen -- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fXJgL8ukIuA
  FT5YJ - Port Charcot - Wandel island, Antarctica -- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=poMxAnKhzwM
  LU/FT5YJ - Almirante Brown - Antarctica -- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qPQYa25hC20
  VK0EK - Atlas Cove - Heard Island -- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3fFt-E6DWdc
  VK0IR - Atlas Cove - Heard Island -- https://vimeo.com/121445124
  VP8DLM - Base O -Danco Island Antarctica -- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ONE3psnJG4
  VP8GEO - Husvik Whaling Station - Big Island of South Georgia -- https://vimeo.com/121317595
  VP8ORK - Waterpipe Refuge - Signy Island, South Orkney -- https://vimeo.com/121222178
  VP8SGI - Husvik - South Georgia Island - https://vimeo.com/167696385
  VP8SSI - Corbeta Uruguay Station & Teniente Esquivel Refuge - Thule Island, South Sandwich -- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d5B2oo9-Sjw
  VP8SSI - (2) Lost Footage -- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0X0SUzptjzw
  VP8STI - Corbeta Uruguay & Teniente Esquivel Refuge - Thule Island, South Sandwich -- https://vimeo.com/170266606
  VP8THU - Corbeta Uruguay & Teniente Esquivel Refuge - Thule Island, South Sandwich -- https://vimeo.com/121317593
  ZL9CI - Campbell Island Station -- https://vimeo.com/121857792

VK9M, MELLISH REEF (Update). Operators Dietmar/DL3DXX, Morten/LB8DC, Robert/N7QT (Team Leader), Brian/N9ADG, Eric/SM1ALH, Hawk/SM5AQD (Co-Team Leader), Lasse/SM5GLC and David/W5XU (recently added) will be active as VK9MA from Mellish Reef (OC-072) between November 3-16th. Activity will

be from Heralds-Beacon Islet, the only permanent land in the reef, on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. They plan to have five stations on the air. QSL via N7QT, direct, by the Bureau, ClubLog's OQRS (STRONGLY RECOMMENDED), LoTW or eQSL. All QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW and eQSL shortly after the operation. For more details and updates, see: https://vk9ma.com

WRTC 2018 NEWS (Press Release - Friedrichshafen, Germany, dated July 14th). Michael Höding, DL6MHW, Vice-President, Fundraising, PR, reports [edited]:

DX Engineering has increased its support for the World Radiosport Team Championship 2018 (WRTC). The company is now a Gold Level sponsor. The announcement was made by WRTC 2018 at the Bavarian Contest Club annual dinner in Friedrichshafen, Germany this past July.

"DX Engineering is proud to support this outstanding event," said Tim Duffy, K3LR, Chief Operating Officer of DX Engineering. "We strongly believe in the global impact of WRTC2018 as Contesters and DXers from around the world will take part."

"We welcome the increased support by DX Engineering," said Christian Janssen, DL1MGB, President of the WRTC 2018 Organizing Committee. "Teaming with innovative partners like DX Engineering will help insure the success of this event."

WRTC 2018 will be held July 12-16th, 2018, in the Jessen/Wittenberg region of Germany, south of Berlin. Approximately 60 teams will fight for the title of World Champion. Unlike the usual contesting, WRTC 2018 participants must use identical antennas in the same geographical region, which eliminates many variables. The WRTC 2018 will be supported by about 300 volunteers who will set up the antennas and host the infrastructure.

About DX Engineering - At DX Engineering, Amateur Radio is all we do. Our goal is simple: fulfill the needs of Ham radio enthusiasts with the best products and technical support. Whether it's DXing, Contesting or just everyday operating, we strive to develop products that fill a specific need, are fully tested, reliable, and represent the best value for your money. DX Engineering also carries the highest-quality products from brands that meet our exacting standards. Read more about DX Engineering at < DXEngineering.com>.

About WRTC 2018 - WRTC 2018 e.V. is the organizer of the World Radio-sport Team Championship 2018 in Germany. The WRTC is held every four years. Previous WRTCs were held in Seattle/USA (1990), San Francisco/USA (1996), Slovenia (2000), Finland (2002) Brazil (2006) Russia (2010) and New England/USA (2014).

XT2, BURKINA FASO (Update). Harald, DF2WO, will once again be active as XT2AW from Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso. He informs OPDX that he will arrive on September 25th, and plans to build antennas on the 26th, which is a Hexbeam at 8 meters high and dipoles for the lower bands. Activity will be holiday style on 40-10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. He states that he works mostly on the Digital modes (PSK31, JT65 and RTTY) and slow CW. Harald states, "As soon as the conditions go up to USA, I will work the US. Also, I will test 60m a little." Radio is a FT-450D. QSL via M0OXO, direct or OQRS .

YB72, INDONESIA (Special Event). There are now 10 special event stations active until August 17th, to celebrate the 72nd anniversary of Indonesia's independence. Look for the following stations to be active on all HF bands, including the 30/17/12m bands, using CW, SSB and the Digtal modes:

* YB72RI/0 : Jakarta Special District
* YB72RI/1 : West Java and Banten

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  * YB72RI/2 : Central Java and Special District of Yogjakarta
  * YB72RI/3 : East Java  Madura
  * YB72RI/4 : South Sumatera, Lampung, Jambi, Bengkulu and Bangka Belitung
  * YB72RI/5 : Riau, Riau Islands and West Sumatera
  * YB72RI/6 : North Sumatera and Special District of Aceh
  * YB72RI/7 : West Kalimantan, South Kalimantan, East Kalimantan,
              Central Kalimantan
  * YB72RI/8 : South Sulawesi, South East Sulawesi, West Sulawesi, Central
              Sulawesi, North Sulawesi, Gorontalo, Maluku and North Maluku
  * YB72RI/9 : Bali, Nusa Tenggara Barat, Nusa Tenggara Timur and Papua


  There will be three different awards available and a special plaque.
Please do not send your QSL card as Organisasi Amatir Radio Indonesia
(ORARI-HQ) will automatically send YB72RI special in e-QSL cards to all
valid contacts as showed in LOG from all stations. e-QSL will be send
to your email. For more details, see:
http://www.ybdxc.net/2017/07/27/yb72ri-indonesian-independence-day-special-event


YJ, VANUATU (Pacific Voyage Continues). Adam, K7ST, reports on QRZ.com,
"We are currently cruising aboard the sailing vessel 'Bravo'. For a current
position update please see our blog at:   http://www.svbravo.blogspot.com
Recent land based operations included HC8, FO (Marquesas), and Niue, as
E6ST, as well as VK3SYB. Our current QTH is Vanuatu, and have been granted
the callsign YJ0ST. Operating from land at Port Vila, we will be visiting
and operating from several other islands within the country until mid-
October 2017, before sailing to Australia....
   73 de Adam K7ST/mm, HC8/K7ST, FO/K7ST, E6ST, VK3SYB, K7ST/ZL, YJ0ST"
Activity so far has been on 20 meters SSB, but he does have capabilities
to operate on 40/20/17/15 meters. Adam is running 100 watts and a vertical.
QSL via EA5GL.
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